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1. A COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED THIS EVENING BY THE COMMAND OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION TOGETHER WITH THE LEBANESE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT CONCERNING SOME INCIDENTS OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL EXCESSES THAT HAVE OCCURED IN PAST DAYS. THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE COMMUNIQUE TO THE PALESTINAIN, LEBANESE, AND ARAB MASSES FROM THE COMMAND OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND THE LEBANESE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT BEIRUT, JULY 9 WAFA

3. AFTER A SERIES OF MEETINGS THAT ALL THE CELLS OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND LEBANSES NATIONALIST MOVEMENT HAVE HELD, DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO SECURE THE PREVENTION OF ALL FORMS OF KIDNAPPING AND PERSONAL EXCESSES---ESPCIALY THE DECISION TAKEN AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SESSION OF JUNE 4,1975 STIPULATING THE FORMATION

OF A REVOLUTIONARY COURT, THE REFERRAL OF ALL CASES OF EXCESSES AND KIDNAPPING TO IT, THE ISSUANCE OF STIFF SENTENCES, AND THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MASSES, AS WELL AS THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE SESSION OF JUNE 3, 1975 STIPULATING THE PREVENTION AND THE SUPPRESSION OF ANY ACT OF KIDNAPPING IMMEDIATELY, THE DENUNCIATION OF THE QUARTER THAT PERPETRATED IT, AND THE SURRENDER OF THE ELEMENTS COMMITTING EXCESSES TO THE JOINT CENTRAL OPERATIONS ROOM. IN SPITE OF ALL THESE DECISIONS, UPON WHICH ALL THE COMMANDS AND CELLS OF THE RESISTANCE AND NATIONALIST MOVEMENT WITHOUT EXCEPTION HAD AGREED, A NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS AND EXCESSES OF KIDNAPPING AND ASSAULT OF SOME CITIZENS AND FOREIGNERS HAVE OCCURRED. THESE HAVE IMPELLED THE COMMAND OF THE RESISTANCE AND THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT TO HOLD A SERIES OF MEETINGS TO CONTAIN THESE VIOLATIONS AND PURSUE THEIR PERPETRATORS. IN THESE MEETINGS, WHICH OCCURRED FROM JULY 4 TO DATE OF THIS COMMUNIQUE, IT BECAME CLEAR TO ALL THE CELLS OF THE RESISTANCE AND THE HEROIC STRUGGLING NATIONALIST MOVEMENT; (A) THAT THE WAVE OF KIDNAPPING THAT FOLLOWED THE MEETING OF JULY 3, 1975 WAS CARRIED OUT BY ELEMENTS OF THE POPULAR STRUGGLE FRONT. WHEN THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS FRONT WAS ASKED AT THE OFFICIAL MEETING, HE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF IT. THIS BROUGHT THE COMMAND TO ASSIGN A COMMITTEE OF THOSE MEETING TO PURSUE THE SUBJECT. IT CAME BACK TO CONFIRM THAT THE KIDNAPPED PERSONS WHOSE NAMES ARE RASHAD SA'DALLAH, ANTUN ABU ZAYD, ILYAS KHAYRALLAH, ILYAS KHALIL ABU-KHALIL, AND SUHAYL ABU CHANIM WERE HELD BY THE POPULAR STRUGGLE FRONT, AND THIS ORGANIZATION RELEASED THEM.

4. (B) ON JULY 5, 1975 THE JOINT COMMAND OF THE CELLS OF THE RESISTANCE FORMED A SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MAHMUD TAYYU TO INVESTIGATE THE CRIME OF MURDER WHICH HAD OCCURRED IN AL-MINA AND WHOSE VICTIMS HAD BEEN AN OLD WOMAN, MRS. WA'D AL-MAR'ABI, AND HER DAUGHTER. THE CONVICTION OF ELEMENTS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PFLP/GC FOR COMMITTING THE CRIME OF MURDER WAS ESTABLISHED TO THIS COMMITTEE IN AN OFFICIAL REPORT SIGNED BY ALL THE CELLS OF THE RESISTANCE IN THE NORTH BROTHER ABU JAAL, THE DELEGATE OF THE ARAB FRONT. WAS ASSIGNED TO BRING THESE ELEMENTS TO THE SECURITY SERVICE OF THE REVOLUTION TO REFER THEM TO THE MILITARY COURT. BUT AS OF THE DATE OF THIS COMMUNIQUE, THESE ELEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN TURNED OVER.

5. (C) ON JULY 5, 1975 A STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY SOME THING CALLING ITSELF THE REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST ACTION GROUP CLAIMING THAT IT HAD KIDNAPPED COLONEL MORGAN AND THAT IT DEMANDED A RANSOM DEFINED IN ITS STATEMENT FOR HIM. ALTHOUGH THE COMMAND OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND THE LEBANESE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT HAD ASKED ALL CELLS OF THE REVOLUTION ABOUT MORGAN MORE THAN ONCE, ALL OF THEM HAD DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT. AFTER INVESTIGATION AND SCRUTINY, THE SECURITY ORGANS OF THE REVOLUTION OBTAINED DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE KIDNAPPED OPERATION AND THE ELEMENTS WHICH PERPETRATED IT. THESE ARE AS FOLLOWS: (1) ELEMENTS OF THE STRUGGLE FRONT FATHI HAKAM AND ABU AR-RAGHIB KIDNAPPED THE COLONEL WHILE HE WAS IN A TAXI. (2) THE COLONEL HAD LEFT THE MELKART HOTEL TO BUY NEWS PAPERS AT THE AIRPORT DESPITE THE WARNING OF THE MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS OF THE HOTEL TO HIM. (3) THE COLONEL DID NOT INFORM THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES OF HIS ARRIVAL SO THAT THEY MIGHT ASSURE HIS PROTECTION. (4) THE KIDNAPPING ELEMENTS FATHI HAKAM AND ABU AR-RAGHIB STATED THAT THEY HAD TURNED OVER THE COLONEL TO ABU KIFAH, ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE PFLP/GC, WHO IN TURN TURNED HIM OVER TO BROTHER ABU AL-ABBAS. AFTER THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN GATHERED AND ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE SECURITY SERVICES OF THE STRUGGLE FRONT AND THE PFLP/GC HAD BEEN CONTACTED TO TURN THE COLONEL OVER TO THE UNIFIED SECURITY SERVICE OF THE REVOLUTION TO INTERROGATE HIM AND LEARN HIS PRECISE MISSION IN LEBANON, SUSPICIOUS ELEMENTS OF UNKNOWN IDENTITY CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF BROTHER ABU AMMAR TO ADVISE THAT THE SECURITY

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ORGANS OF THE REVOLUTION NOT INTERFERE BY PURSUING THE SUBJECT OF THE COLONEL AND OF THE KIDNAPPING GODLEY

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ELEMENTSWHOSE ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTITY HAD BEEN DETERMINED. IF THIS WERE NOT DONE, THE SUSPICIOUS ORGANIZATION THE REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST ACTION ORGANIZATION WOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WAS TRYING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH AMERICA BY HAVING THE SECURITY ORGANS OF THE REVOLUTION PURSUE THEIR INVESTIGATION IN GENERAL.

6. OH, PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE MASSES; IN THE LIGHT OF THIS INFORMATION A JOINT MEETING OF ALL THE CELLS OF THE RESISTANCE AND THE LEBANESE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT WAS HELD THE MORNING OF JULY 5, 1975 TO STUDY THE CASES OF KIDNAPPING AND THE INCIDENT IN AL-MINA, INCLUDING THE CASE OF COLONEL MORGAN.

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THE REVOLUTION BROUGHT UP THE INFORMATION THAT HE HAD OBTAINED AND THAT IS IN THIS COMMUNIQUE. AT THIS POINT THE TWO DELEGATES OF THE PFLP/GC AND THE STRUGGLE FRONT ADMITTED THAT A NUMBER OF KIDNAPPED PERSONS, INCLUDING MORGAN HAD BEEN AMONG THEM, BUT THAT THEY HAD RELEASED THEM. THEY SAID THAT A LEBANESE

GROUP HAD TAKEN POSSESSION SPECIFICALLY OF MORGAN, WHILE THE OTHERS HAD REACHED THEIR HOMES, AND THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW THIS LEBANESE GROUP. THE CONFERENCE DECIDED THAT THE ORGANIZATION THAT HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MORGAN'S PRESENCE AMIDST IT WAS A FICTITIOUS, NON-EXISTENT ORGANIZATION. ACCORDINGLY, BROTHER ABU AR-RAHIM, THE SECRETARY OF THE ARAB LIBERATION FRONT, WAS ASSIGNED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR 24 HOURS TO BRING THE SUBJECT TO A CONCLUSION. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO MONDAY EVENING, JULY 7, 1975, WHEN BROTHER ABU AR-RAHIM WOULD PRESENT HIS REPORT ON THE MORGAN CASE AND HIS DELIVERY TO THE SECURITY SERVICE OF THE REVOLUTION.

8. WHEN THE SECOND MEETING WAS HELD, BROTHER ABU-RAHIM REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF 24 HOURS BECAUSE HE HAD NOT COMPLETED HIS CONTACTS WITH THE QUARTERS CONCERNED, AND INDEED THE MEETING WAS POSTPONED TO THE EVENING OF TUESDAY JULY 8, 1975 WHEN IT WAS UNDERSTOOD FROM ONE OF THE DELEGATES OF THE ARAB FRONT THAT HE HAD NO SUCCESS IN HIS CONTACTS TO SETTLE THE CASE. TAYSIR QUB'A WAS CHARGED ANEW WITH MAKING CONTACTS ON THE SAME CASES, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT MORGAN WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO A COMMITTEE FROM THE COMMAND OF THE REVOLUTION FOR INTERROGATION AND DETERMINATION OF HIS FATE. BUT BROTHER TAYSIR RETURNED WITH NO TANGIBLE RESULTS. AFTER STUDY OF THE VARIOUS MEANS THAT THE REVOLUTION SHOULD PURSUE IN FACING SUCH SITUATIONS, BROTHER THABIT, THE DELEGATE OF THE ARAB LIBERATION FRONT, PROPOSED ANOTHER EXTENSION OF 24 HOURS TO MAKE MORE CONTACTS AND HIS REQUEST WAS AGREED UPON. IN SPITE OF ALL THESE ATTEMPTS BY THE COMMAND OF THE REVOLUTION AND THE LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO BRING AN END TO THE ABNORMAL SITUATION, NONE OF THESE EFFORTS HAVE

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BEEN SUCCESSFUL UP TO NOW.

9. THE JOINT MEETING OF JULY 9, 1975 AGAIN REACHED A DEAD END THANKS TO THE OBSTINANCY OF THESE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERSONS KIDNAPPED. FOR THIS REASON THE COMMAND OF THE REVOLUTION, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LEBANESE NATIONALIST AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES, HAS DECIDED THE FOLLOWING:

10. (A) TO PUBLISH THIS DETAILED STATEMENT ON ALL THE INCIDENTS OF KIDNAPPING AND MURDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF OF JUNE 4, 1975 AND JULY 3, 1975, IPON WHICH ALL THE CELLS OF THE PALESTIN

IAN REVOLUTION AND THE LEBANESE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT HAD
UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. (B) TO ASK THE STRUGGLE FRONT AND THE
PFLP/GC TO TURN OVER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PERPETRATED
INCIDENTS OF KIDNAPPING AND INDIVIDUAL MURDER.

(C) THE SO CALLED REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST ACTION
ORGANIZATION IS A FICTITIOUS ORGANIZATION. THE COMMAND
OF THE REVOLUTION FINDS QUILITY ALL THE ELEMENTS THAT ARE
HIDING BEHIND THIS SUSPICIOUS ORGANIZATION, WHICH HAS
BEEN USED AS AN UMBRELLA FOR THE IRRESPONSIBLE AND
ANARCHIC PRACTICES THAT HAVE RECENTLY APPEARED.

(D) THE REVOLUTION FINDS IN ALL OF THESE ISOLATED
UNDISCIPLINED INCIDENTS A THREAT TO ITS SECURITY,
AN ATTEMPT TO BRING SABOTAGE INTO ITS RANKS AND A
CALL TO KINDLE THE EMNITY OF THE FORCES LYING IN

AMBUSH FOR IT AND GIVE THEM PRETEXTS FOR THEIR
PLOTING AND LIQUIDATIONARY STANDS AGAINST THE REVO-
LUTION. (E) THE REVOLUTION WILL FOR ITS PART TAKE
ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO PROTECT ITS GAINS, ITS
SECURITY, AND THE REPOSE OF THE CITIZENRY. THE
COMMAND OF THE REVLOUTION HOPES THAT THE QUARTERS
CONCERNED WILL TURN ALL THOSE PERSONS BEING SOUGHT
OVER TO IT SO AS TO PUT A RADICAL END TO THIS ANARCHI
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